

Amendments to the Claims:

1-10 (canceled).

11 (previously presented): A system for displaying recent items, comprising:
a communications connection configured to receive a communication;
a display configured to display a recent items list; and
a recent items application configured to perform actions, including:

determining a recent item from recently accessed items; wherein the recently accessed items include: recent incoming phone calls; recent outgoing phone calls; recently received electronic messages; recent outgoing electronic messages; recent access of contacts; recent incoming SMS messages; recent outgoing SMS messages; recent incoming IM messages; recent outgoing IM messages; recently accessed files and recently accessed applications;

replacing the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when recent item has an associated contact within a contact list;

placing the recent item in the recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item; and recent items related to a pinned contact are listed higher than items from a standard contact; and

displaying the recent items list on the display;

displaying non-recently accessed contacts after the displayed list of recent items;

and

in response to selection of a recent item, displaying a context menu, wherein an option in the context menu depends on whether a selected recent item is replaced by a contact.

12 (original): The system of Claim 11, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a time associated with the communication.

13 (original): The system of Claim 12, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a frequency associated with the recent item.

14 (original): The system of Claim 11, further comprising using the communication connection to reply to the recent contact by using any available communication method.

15 (original): The system of Claim 11, wherein the recent items list is limited to a predetermined number of recent items.

16 (previously presented): The system of Claim 12, wherein determining the recent item based on the communication further comprises determining when the communication is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item such that the recent item is not placed in the recent items list.

17 (original): The system of Claim 12, further comprising instructing the display to display the time of the communication within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent contact is highlighted.

18-23 (canceled).

24 (New): A method executing on a processor of a computing device for displaying recent items, comprising:

determining a recent item using the processor from recently accessed items;
wherein the recently accessed items include: recent incoming phone calls; recent outgoing phone calls; recently received electronic messages; recent outgoing electronic messages; recent access of contacts; recent incoming SMS messages; recent outgoing SMS messages; recent incoming IM messages; recent outgoing IM messages; recently accessed files and recently accessed applications;

replacing the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when recent item has an associated contact within a contact list;

placing the recent item in the recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item; and recent items related to a pinned contact are listed higher than items from a standard contact; and

displaying the recent items list on a display;

displaying non-recently accessed contacts after the displayed list of recent items; and

in response to selection of a recent item, displaying a context menu, wherein an option in the context menu depends on whether a selected recent item is replaced by a contact.

25 (New): The method of Claim 24, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a time associated with the communication.

26 (New): The method of Claim 25, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a frequency associated with the recent item.

27 (New): The method of Claim 24, further comprising using the communication connection to reply to the recent contact by using any available communication method.

28 (New): The method of Claim 24, wherein the recent items list is limited to a predetermined number of recent items.

29 (New): The method of Claim 25, wherein determining the recent item based on the communication further comprises determining when the communication is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item such that the recent item is not placed in the recent items list.

30 (New): The method of Claim 25, further comprising instructing the display to display the time of the communication within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent contact is highlighted.

31 (New): A computer-readable storage medium for displaying recent items, comprising:

- determining a recent item using the processor from recently accessed items; wherein the recently accessed items include: recent incoming phone calls; recent outgoing phone calls; recently received electronic messages; recent outgoing electronic messages; recent access of contacts; recent incoming SMS messages; recent outgoing SMS messages; recent incoming IM messages; recent outgoing IM messages; recently accessed files and recently accessed applications;

- replacing the recent item with a contact maintained in a contact list when recent item has an associated contact within a contact list;

- placing the recent item in the recent items list that includes all recently accessed items;

- generating the recent items list such that recent items associated with a contact are coalesced and shown as only one item; and recent items related to a pinned contact are listed higher than items from a standard contact; and

- displaying the recent items list on a display;

- displaying non-recently accessed contacts after the displayed list of recent items;

and

- in response to selection of a recent item, displaying a context menu, wherein an option in the context menu depends on whether a selected recent item is replaced by a contact.

32 (New): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 31, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a time associated with the communication.

33 (New): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 32, wherein determining the recent item further comprises determining a frequency associated with the recent item.

34 (New): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 31, further comprising using the communication connection to reply to the recent contact by using any available communication method.

35 (New): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 31, wherein the recent items list is limited to a predetermined number of recent items.

36 (New): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 32, wherein determining the recent item based on the communication further comprises determining when the communication is private and when the communication is private marking the communication as a non-recent item such that the recent item is not placed in the recent items list.

37 (New): The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 32, further comprising instructing the display to display the time of the communication within a title bar of a contacts window when the recent contact is highlighted.